

## Subpart H—Documents Required for Clearance and Permission to Depart

### § 122.71 Aircraft departing with no commercial export cargo.

(a) *Application.* This section applies to aircraft departing for foreign territory with no export cargo, but not to those aircraft which are themselves being exported.

(1) Such aircraft may clear by telephone in advance with the director of the port of departure if departing empty or carrying only:

- (i) Passengers for hire; or
- (ii) Non-commercial cargo for which Shipper's Export Declarations are not required.

(2) If not cleared by telephone, an air cargo manifest containing the following statement, signed by the aircraft commander or agent, shall be submitted to Customs:

I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that there is no cargo on board this aircraft.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Aircraft Commander or Agent)

(b) *Timeliness.* The request for telephone clearance must be received by the Customs officer in charge with sufficient time remaining before departure to ensure that Customs may undertake any necessary examination of the aircraft and cargo.

(c) *Documentation.* If clearance is granted by telephone, the aircraft commander is not required to file the documents required by this subpart.

### § 122.72 Aircraft departing with commercial export cargo.

If an aircraft with export cargo leaves the U.S. for any foreign area, a general declaration, if required, an air cargo manifest and any required Shipper's Export Declarations, shall be filed in accordance with this subpart for all cargo on the aircraft, and for the aircraft itself if exported as merchandise. See § 122.79 for special requirements regarding shipments to U.S. possessions.

### § 122.73 General declaration and air cargo manifest.

(a) *General declaration*—(1) *Form.* The general declaration shall be on Customs

Form 7507 and shall show all information required.

(2) *Preparation and filing.* The aircraft commander or agent shall file two copies of the general declaration with Customs at the departure airport.

(3) *Exception.* A general declaration shall not be required if the air cargo manifest, Customs Form 7509, contains the statement shown in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) *Air cargo manifest*—(1) *Form.* The air cargo manifest shall be on Customs Form 7509, and shall show all information required. If a general declaration is not presented, the following statement, signed by the aircraft commander or agent, shall appear on the form:

I declare that all statements contained in this manifest, including the account of the cargo on board this aircraft, are complete, exact, and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Aircraft Commander or Agent)

(2) *Preparation and filing.* The aircraft commander or agent shall file two copies of the air cargo manifest with the Customs at the departure airport. Three copies of the air cargo manifest shall be filed if the aircraft is covered by § 122.77(b). The air cargo manifest must be filed in:

- (i) Complete form, with all required Shipper's Export Declarations (see § 122.75); or
- (ii) Incomplete form (pro forma) under § 122.74.

### § 122.74 Incomplete (pro forma) manifest.

(a) *Application*—(1) *Shipments to foreign countries.* Except for aircraft bound for foreign locations referred to in paragraph (b) of this section, clearance, or permission to depart may be given to an aircraft bound for a foreign location by the Customs at the departure airport before a complete manifest or all required Shipper's Export Declarations have been filed, if a proper bond is filed on Customs Form 301, containing the bond conditions set forth in subpart G of part 113 of this chapter.

(2) *Shipments to Puerto Rico.* As provided in § 122.79(b), any required air cargo manifest or Shipper's Export Declarations for direct flights between the U.S. and Puerto Rico shall be filed